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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Request for Guidance Concerning Certain Sensitive
Photography at [REDACTED] 25X1C

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1. Mission C264C flew from [REDACTED] on 14 November to cover 39 targets in South China. In the process of flying this route, some oblique and possibly some vertical photography of Burma may have been gotten as well as small portions of Laos and North Vietnam. This mission was processed at [REDACTED] with dupe going to [REDACTED] for reproduction and distribution to theater commanders.

2. Normally, the processing center, particularly with the aid of the tracker camera film not used on this mission, would be able to identify that portion of the route which overflow countries other than China and could correlate that portion of the B film which would be deleted or at least held in system. Since the tracker camera was not carried on Mission C264C, it would take considerable time to plot the B camera film in order to determine if coverage of sensitive countries was obtained.

3. I suggest that NPIC, on receipt of their copy, define those frames which are to be held in system and notify all recipients of the distribution list.

4. A problem exists when a [REDACTED] mission is processed at [REDACTED] jointly using [REDACTED] facilities in that if photography of such countries as Burma and Thailand is included the [REDACTED] is immediately aware and it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to plot the whole mission coverage in [REDACTED] to determine what frames should be deleted and or handled in system.

5. Recommendation:

That COMOR be appraised of the condition of the above and provide guidance to AD/OSA for handling and classification of the sensitive materials processed at [REDACTED]

SIGNED

Chief, Intelligence Division
Office of Special Activities

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